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SUBJECT: EC DRAFT STATEMENT OF AGRICULTURE

1. THE REVISED DRAFT TEXT OF A POSSIBLE EC STATEMENT
ON AGRICULTURE AS FURNISHED BY HIJZEN, IN FRENCH,
DECEMBER 13 IS AS FOLLOWS: (ENGLISH VERSION PARA 6 BELOW)

2. BEGIN TEXT: AVANT-PROJEC. DECLARATION DU
PORTE-PAROLE DE LA COMMUNAUTE SUR L'AGRICULTURE. LA
DECLARATION MINISTERIELLE DE TOKY ENONCE, A SON
PARAGRAPHE 3 E), QUE LES NEGOCIATIONS "DEVRAIENT AVOIR
POUR BUT DE COMPORTER, EC CE QUI CONCERNE L'AGRICULTURE, UNE
APPROCHE QUI, TOUT EN ETANTE EN HARMONIE AVEC LES OBJECTIFS
GENERAUX DE LA NEGOCIATION, DEVRAIT TENIR COMPTE
DES CARACTERISTIQUES SPECIALES ET DES PROBLEMES DE CE
SECTEUR."

3. CETTE SPECIFICITE DU SECTEUR AGRICOLE EST JUSTIFIEE
PAR L'EXISTENCE GENERALE DE POLITIQUES DE SOUTIEN ET PAR
L'INSTABILITE DES MARCHES. ELLE SIGNIFIE QU'UN EXAMEN
GLOBAL DE TOUTES LES MESURES QUI FREINENT OU QUI FAUSSENT
LES COURANTS D'ECHANGES INTERNATIONAUX ET DE TOUS LES
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PRODUITS AGRICOLES ET ALIMENTAIRES (CHAP. 1 A 24 NTB) EST
NECESSAIRE. POUR LA COMMUNAUTE, CELA SIGNIFIE QUE, DANS
LE CADRE DE LA STRUCTURE DU COMITE DES NEGOCIATIONS
COMMERCIALES, IT DOIT Y AVOIR UN SEUL ORGANE GUI PORTE

LA RESPONSABILITE PRINCIPALE ET GLOBALE POUR TRAITER DE TOUS CES PROBLEMES. CE POINT DE VUE TROUVE DEJA UNE ILLUSTRATION DANS LE PROGRAMME DE TRAVAIL QUE NOUS VENONS D'ADAPTER.

4. CETTE POSITION SIGNIFIE QUE LA COMMUNAUTE EST PARFITEMENT DESPOSEE A ETUDIER ET A DISCUTER TOUS LES ELEMENTS SE RAPPORTANT U AUX PROBLEMES AGRICOLES, SUR LA BASE DE SA CONCEPTION D'ENSEMBLE. ELLE EST DISPOSEE A EVOQUER, A CETTE OCCASION, AUSSI BIEN LES ASPECTS TARIFAIRES QUE LES ASPECTS NON-TARIFAIRES. ELLE EST DISPOSEE A NEGOCIER, LORSQUE LE MOMENT SERA VENU, SUR DES DIFFERENTS ASPECTS, Y COMPRIS EN MATIERE DE REGLEMENTATIONS SANITAIRES ET PHYTOSANITAIRES ET SUR TOUS LES PRODUITS SUSCEPTIBLES DE PRESENTER UN INTERET COMMERCIAL POUR J'UN QUELCONQUE DES PAYS PARTICIPANTS.

5. CELA NE SIGNIFIE NULLEMENT QUE LA COMMUNAUTE ENVISAGE D'ISOLER LA NEGOCIATION SUR LES PRODUITS AGRICOLES DU RESTE DE LA NEGOCIATION. EN CONFORMITE AVEC SES PRISES DE POSITION ET SES ENGAGEMENTS ET NOTAMMENT LA DECLARATION MINISTERIELLE DE TOKYO (PARAGRAPHES 4 ET 8), LA COMMUNAUTE CONSIDERE LA NEGOCIATION COMMERCIALE MULTILATERALE COMME UN ENSEMBLE "DONT TOUS LES ELEMENTS DOIVENT PROGRESSER EN MEME TEMPS", ET LA RECIPROCITE A LAQUELLE ELLE EST ATTACHEE SERA APPRECIEE EN TERMES GLOBAUX. END TEXT.

6. OUR INFORMAL TRANSLATION (BASED ON GATT SECRETARIAT TRANSLATION EARLIER VERSION) FOLLOWS:

7. BEGIN TEXT.
THE TOKYO DECLARATION OF MINISTERS STATES, IN PARAGRAPH 3(E), THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS "SHOULD AIM TO INCLUDE , AS REGARDS AGRICULTURE, AN APPROACH TO NEGOTIATIONS WHICH, WHILE IN LINE WITH THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS AND
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PROBLESM IN THIS SECTOR".

8. THIS SPECIFICITY OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IS JUSTIFIED BY THE GENERALIZED EXISTENCE OF SUPPORT POLICIES AND BY THE INSTABILITY OF MARKETS. IT MEANS THAT AN OVERALL EXAMINATION OF ALL THE MEASURES WHICH HANPER OR DISTORT FLOWS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND OF ALL AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PRODUCTS (BTN CHAPTERS 1-24) IS NECESSARY. FOR THE COMMUNITY, THIS MEANS THAT, IN THE TNC STRUCTURE, THERE MUST BE A SINGLE BODY WITH PRINCIPAL AND GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEALING WITH ALL THESE PROBLEMS. THIS POINT OF VIEW IS ALREADY REFLECTED IN THE PROGRAM OF WORK WHICH WE HAVE JUST

ADOPTED.

9. THIS POSITION MEANS THAT THE COMMUNITY IS PERFECTLY WILLING TO STUDY AND DISCUSS ALL THE ELEMENTS RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS ON THE BASIS OF ITS OVERALL APPROACH. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE, WHEN THE TIME COMES, ON THESE DIFFERENT ASPECTS, INCLUDING HEALTH AND PHYTO-SANITARY REGULATIONS AND ON ALL PRODUCTS LIABLE TO BE OF COMMERCIAL INTEREST TO ANY ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

10. THIS DOES NOT IN ANY WAY MEAN THAT THE COMMUNITY WISHES TO ISOLATE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM THE REST OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. IN CONFORMITY WITH THE POSITIONS IT HAS TAKEN AND ITS UNDERTAKINGS AND IN PARTICULAR WITH THE TOKYO DECLARATION OF MINISTERS (PARAGRAPHS 4-8) THE COMMUNITY CONSIDERS THE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO BE A WHOLE, "THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF WHICH SHALL MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER", AND THE RECIPROCITY IT IS SEEKING SHOULD BE JUDGED ON AN OVERALL BASIS. GREENWALD

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